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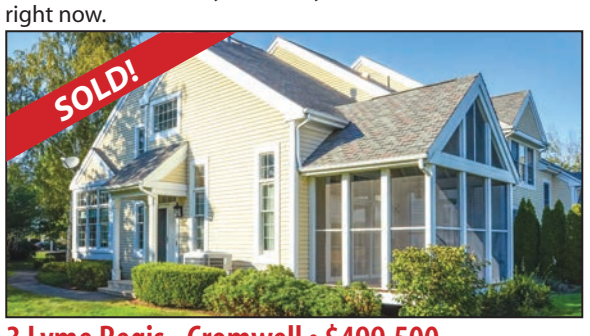

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"I am committed to raising a million dollars for pancreatic cancer." - *Brittany Vose*

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Renell and Jerry Collum, seated, are thrilled with the ramp that their church acquired for them. The Rev. Doug Van Veldhuisen, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Cromwell, and Cliff Parker, chairman of its board of directors, were instrumental in helping the couple.

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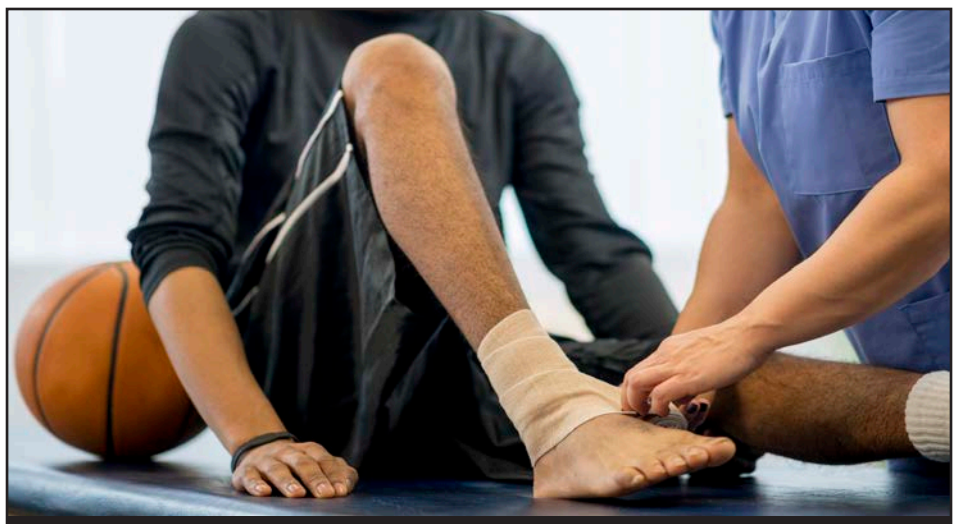

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Brittany Vose speaks before the start of the 18-Hole Stroll for Pancreatic Cancer Research on the final day of the Travelers Championship at TPC River Highlands.

Always looking to help

Brittany Vose strives to help raise $1 million for pancreatic cancer research

by Mara Dresner
Staff Writer

Brittany Vose was just 5 years old when her father, John Vose, died of pancreatic cancer at the age of 44.

"My favorite memory of my dad is how happy and healthy he always seemed to be. He was a man that always had an infectious smile and wanted to make others happy. I really remember this when I went to work with him two days a week, since he had his own printing company in Portland," Vose, now 21, said.

"After losing my father at the age of 5, I felt like I was the only one who lost their dad. I thought it was extremely unfair and that I was alone having to deal with this. After several therapy sessions, my mom [Pat O'Connor] told me we are going to make this a positive in our life as much as possible," she added.

"We started looking at the number 13 and saying, 'I love you, Dad,' 13 being the day he passed away. Then my mom started taking my little brother and I to [fund-raising] walks in Boston and New York.

"After traveling a few times and being young, I asked, 'Why can't we go to one in Connecticut?' And she said, 'There isn't one.' So I decided to start the first one in Connecticut with the Lustgarten Foundation."

Vose organized her first 18-Hole Stroll for Pancreatic Cancer Research in 2009 when she was 13 years old.

"The first year I really had no idea what to expect. I tried to involve my family as much as possible helping me spread the word to local companies and restaurants," Vose said.

"I was ecstatic. I couldn't believe what was happening. Then the next year we got involved with the Travelers Championship and have continued to do so for the past seven years."

"I am committed to raising a million dollars for pancreatic cancer."

– Brittany Vose

This year's 18-Hole Stroll for Pancreatic Cancer Research was held at the Travelers Championship the morning of Sunday, June 25. Proceeds benefit the Lustgarten Foundation, the nation's largest private funder of pancreatic cancer research.

Thanks to private funding 100 percent of every dollar donated to the foundation goes directly to research. The seven previous strolls collectively raised $354,059.

"From the first year we had max 50 people, probably closer to 35 to 40, raising $20,000. The first walk was in an empty parking lot with a small tent where people gathered to walk the streets of Cromwell. Now, we have an incredible tent overlooking the practice facility at the Travelers Championship, who provides the tent and tickets for all the walkers," Vose said.

"This year we had close to 350 people raising close to $75,000. I think the biggest reason for the success of my event is the desire and passion others and I have to make a difference in this fast-moving, life-taking cancer.

"I am committed to raising a million dollars for pancreatic cancer, and being the driven person that I am, nothing is going to stop me until that occurs."

This year's total will bring her fundraising to about $430,000; next year she hopes to clear $500,000.

Although Vose is on Block Island for the summer, she has strong roots in the community.

"I have been raised in Cromwell my entire life. I actually have grown up at the TPC and still live here," she said.

She earned her bachelor of science degree in psychology with a minor in Spanish, graduating in three and a half years from High Point University in North Carolina.

"After graduating in December I continued to work at TPC River Highlands as a server and bartender. I also took an internship opportunity at Hartford Hospital working with a quality-of-life specialist," she said.

Vose has volunteered at Connecticut Children's Medical Center and her church, as well as serving as the philanthropy chairman of her sorority Alpha Gamma Delta in North Carolina.

"Any time I can help, I usually do," she said.

In addition to increasing the number of participants and funds raised, the walk has also expanded in scope.

"The actual event consists of an hour of registration from 7:30 to 8:30, then individuals have the opportunity to walk all 18 holes, although most people walk nine. Then we have a large, 100-plus item silent

auction, speakers, live music and games. We really like to pride on the 18-Hole Stroll being an event rather than just a walk," Vose said.

She always knew she wanted to do something more than a one-time event.

"I decided to make this an annual event to prevent others having to go through what I and my family had to go through. Pancreatic cancer is in desperate need of research," she said.

"Losing someone who is told to have six months to a year in three weeks is devastating, especially when they are your father. Also, ever since starting the event, I set a goal of raising $1 million towards pancreatic cancer research."

With an overall survival rate of just 8 percent over five years, pancreatic cancer has no early detection tests, no effective long-term treatments and, unless the cancer is surgically removed in its earliest stages, no cure. More than 53,000 Americans will be diagnosed this year alone and more than 43,000 will die of the disease.

The Lustgarten Foundation supports research to find a cure for pancreatic cancer, facilitates dialogue within the medical and scientific community, and educates the public about the disease through awareness campaigns and fund-raising events.

"Brittany is a compassionate young lady. Her dedication and determination are an inspiration. Her work truly makes a difference in bringing awareness and essential funds to pancreatic cancer research," Ann Walsh, director of events for the Lustgarten Foundation, said.

"She has juggled school, studying, interning, then a job, a semester abroad and the very successful 18-Hole Stroll. She manages all of this with an abundance of grace and makes it look so easy. We are honored that Brittany raises awareness and research funding for the Lustgarten Foundation."

Vose has made a video of loved ones who have fought pancreatic cancer.

"I believe our largest challenge is trying to spread the word and raise awareness for pancreatic cancer. There are so many different cancers or charities and to try to raise funds is no easy task because there are so many incredible people and charities who want to help their own cause," she said.

"So having people listen and realize the need for funds and awareness for research is the largest challenge. I believe the biggest highlight of the day is the sense of unity in the room, knowing one is not alone. The video truly shows why we are all there," she added.

"This cancer continues to take lives with no cure. When standing in a room of 350 people at the walk, many lives were lost, with one survivor who currently continues to fight. There is a need for research and that need will continue to grow until there is a cure." **CL**

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Brittany Vose organizes an annual event to benefit pancreatic cancer research. She started when she was just 13 years old.

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New leader at the helm

John Maloney takes over as superintendent of schools

by Mark Jahne
Editor

When it came time to select a new superintendent of schools, the Board of Education did not need to hire a consultant or launch an expensive and time-consuming nationwide search. It only had to look at the person in the next seat.

John Maloney officially began his new job as head of the district July 1. He replaced his former boss, Dr. Paula Talty, who retired at the end of the 2016-2017 academic year.

The married father of four lives in West Hartford. He graduated from Conard High School and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Central Connecticut State University.

He was a classroom teacher before moving into the administrative end of public education. Maloney came to town 10 years ago.

"I started years ago in Hebron and was in East Hartford for about 10 years. I came here as an assistant principal at the high school," he said.

Hebron is a tiny district with a regional high school and East Hartford is a large suburban district. He decided he wanted to work in a small town atmosphere and Cromwell was a natural choice.

"In the smaller districts you learn every aspect of running a building. You have your fingers on the pulse of what's going on that way," he said.

Enrollment in the Cromwell Public Schools has hovered around 2,000 for several years. He does not expect that number to show any dramatic deviation.

"John has been an important leader in our schools for a number of years, which has allowed us to see his leadership skills up close and personal."

– Michael Camilleri

Talty tabbed him as her assistant superintendent four years ago. He said he learned a great deal from her and feels well prepared to take over her chair. He told the school board of his desire for the position as soon as he learned that she was stepping down.

"I let them know that I was very interested," Maloney said.

"This is the place where I want to serve as a superintendent. It's a great community. The school district – the teachers and staff – are outstanding. It's a very healthy relationship. I'm very excited. We're heading in a really good direction."

He added that he was not looking elsewhere for a new job.

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term was creating strong community connections with local businesses, Covenant Village of Cromwell and other aspects of the town. Maloney intends to maintain and strengthen those bonds.

He also knows that he will face numerous challenges but is confident that he is up to the task. He believes consistency and stability will allow the district to move forward.

"There are so many new initiatives and mandates from the state," he said. "We have new science standards coming."

Also arriving soon are changes in mathematics and social studies. He wants to make sure teachers get the support they need through all of this. He also considers it vital to maintain a climate in each school that makes education enjoyable for all involved.

Foremost in his mind is the question, "How do we as administrators and leaders support what's going on in the classroom?"

One of his goals is to make sure that he does not lose contact with students and staff. The job will require a lot of office work but he plans to visit the schools whenever possible.

Hanging over his head is the still-unresolved state budget deficit and the harm that could happen to the district if Cromwell does not receive the amount of state dollars factored into its budget.

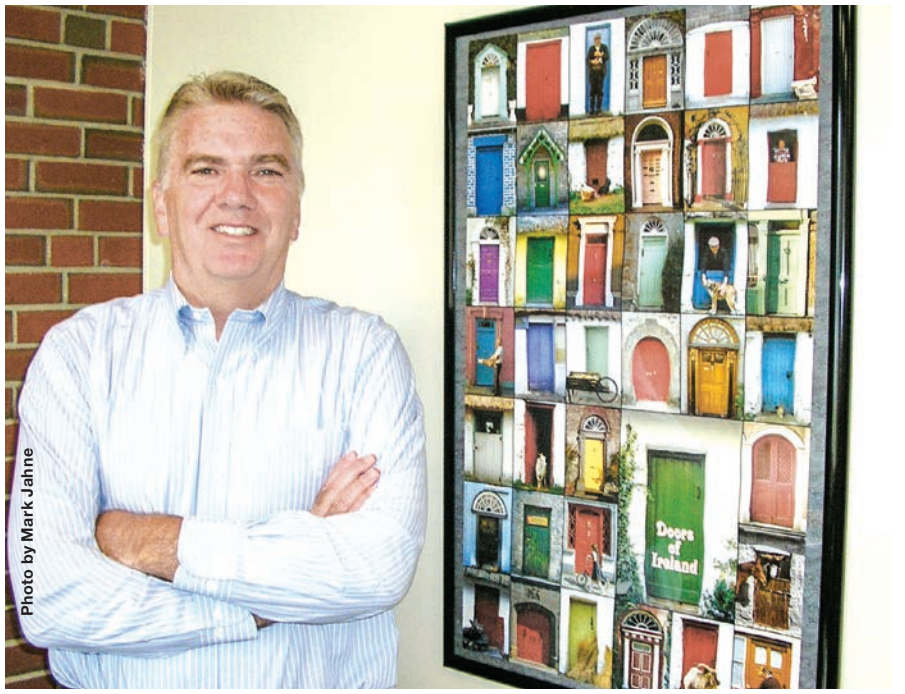
"We don't know what to expect from the state. The town [government] has always been supportive of education," Maloney said.

He inherits the beginning phases of plans to renovate Cromwell Middle School and Edna C. Stevens School. The latter is the more involved project.

"I'm very happy that John has agreed to serve as our next superintendent of schools in Cromwell. John has been an important leader in our schools for a number of years, which has allowed us to see his leadership skills up close and personal," Board of Education Chairman Michael Camilleri said.

"I've been impressed with his strong and collaborative approach in his work with faculty, staff, administrators, parents, community members and, importantly, our students. John will be working closely with our new Assistant Superintendent of Schools Krista Karch in leading our school system at this exciting time," he added.

"We worked closely with interview panels including students, parents, representatives from each of our school's employee unions, and the Board of Ed members to give everyone an opportunity to ask challenging and helpful questions and hear John's thoughts and vision for our school district," Camilleri said.



John Maloney, assistant superintendent of schools for the past four years, officially became the new superintendent of Cromwell Public Schools July 1.

"I'm very confident that John and Krista will be an ideal leadership team to work closely with the Board of Ed and our entire school community on the challenges and opportunities that are before us."

Karch began her career in New York in 1994 teaching grades three and five. She worked as a technology trainer focused on reading and writing improvement for at-risk school districts.

She spent the past 12 years in Portland serving as coordinator of multimedia/technology, the last two as director of curriculum, instruction and technology. She was responsible for all curriculum and instruction as well as designing and managing the professional development for the district. **CL**

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Putting faith into practice

Church purchases and installs access ramp for member family

by Mark Jahne
Editor

When a family is in need other people tend to offer assistance. That's particularly true if the link they share is through membership in a church.

The congregation at the First Congregational Church of Cromwell did just that when it purchased and built a handicapped accessible ramp for Jerry and Renell Collum. The Rev. Douglas Van Veldhuisen, the 25th pastor in church history, pledged to match every dollar raised by members with funds from the church's community service fund.

"They just couldn't get in and out," he said. "They didn't have the money for a proper ramp."

He challenged the congregation to raise the needed money – more than $8,000 – with the assistance of that matching grant of a maximum $4,100. That would cover purchasing and installing the ramp as well as meeting modern-day building codes.

"We look at this as an opportunity to bless our family [of worshippers]. The first Sunday we had $3,000 donated already. People rise to the occasion," Van Veldhuisen said.

They called the campaign "Ramp Up for the Collums."

"When needs like this get expressed, our people respond," he added. "We are really thrilled that we were able to do this. We went to them and said we wanted to do this and they were just overwhelmed."

Courtesy photos

This newly installed, wider and stronger ramp will help the Collums, who both have great difficulty walking, to live a safer and more normal life.

In addition to their disabilities, the Collums suffered further when he lost his job. The pastor said any funds raised beyond the amount required to fund the ramp will go to the couple to help them with daily expenses.

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"The first Sunday we had $3,000 donated already. People rise to the occasion."

– The Rev. Douglas Van Veldhuisen

Veldhuisen said they have never complained about their lot in life or asked anyone for assistance.

Jerry Collum, 62, said he and his wife, 63, were overwhelmed by this expression of kindness and generosity. He was also amazed that the project took less than two months from planning to final installation.

"I was surprised from start to finish. It just happened so quick. It was very well appreciated. You never think about this kind of stuff," he said. "I lost both my hips in a car accident."

The crash occurred while he was working in Tel Aviv, Israel. The arteries and veins that feed blood to and from the hips were badly damaged and the end result is a condition called avascular necrosis.

He can get around as needed but he requires a cane or wheelchair to do so.

"I can walk a little bit, but not very far," he said. "Renell could not get out of the house. Now she and her wheelchair can roll right out. It was a godsend."

She lost both of her legs below the knee. The simple act of going shopping means attaching and adjusting her prosthetic legs, standing with the assistance of a walker, making her way to a wheelchair and wheeling herself to the door.

Then, with the help of her husband, she carefully makes her way to their vehicle. Other people in this situation might curse their fate but Jerry views what happened to him as simply a part of life.

"That's exactly what it was. I'm the type of man that the cards that are dealt to me, I'll play them," he added.

A mechanic by trade, he came here from his native Texas to work for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. He was laid off from Pratt in 1995, earned an electronics degree, then secured employment with a company that makes computer chips. His wife was a medical coder.

"We just celebrated our 40th anniversary" on July 3, he said.

They joined the church in 1995. Jerry worked with its youth and Renell was church clerk for 11 years and a Sunday school teacher for nearly a dozen.

Pastor Van Veldhuisen grew up in the Canadian province of Ontario right along its border with the United States. He could look out the window and see America. But now Cromwell is his home.

This narrow ramp was all Jerry and Renell Collum had to enter and exit their house before the First Congregational Church of Cromwell undertook a major handicapped access project.

"I'm in my 32nd year," he said of his time at First Congregational. "It's been nice. It's a wonderful congregation. I raised my family here."

Van Veldhuisen and his wife Susan, who were married in 1980, came to town in January 1986 when he was called to the pulpit. She was born and raised in Manchester and the couple met while attending a Bible college in New York state.

She is not an official of the church but does participate in numerous ways including singing as a member of the choir. Her full-time job is at Trinity College in Hartford.

The independent Congregational church is 302 years old and Sunday attendance is usually around 90 people. The couple applied to come here when they learned a new pastor was being sought.

"The church was in a bad spot when I got here," he said. "Our first years here were about restoring and healing."

The prior four pastors were fired for various reasons but Van Veldhuisen passed the test of time and hopes to serve for many more years before retiring. He is currently recovering from a serious foot injury.

"I grew up in a Baptist church and then I was trained in a Pentecostal church," he said. "We served for five years in a Pentecostal church on the North Side of Chicago." **CL**

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News roundup

New playground dedicated

Ädelbrook recently held a dedication for the new sensory playground and outdoor classrooms for the 70 students attending its Learning Center in Cromwell. In 2013 Ädelbrook began working with Kidspace, Inc., based in Canton, to design and build sensory sensitive-educational and play areas for students ages 9-18.

Headed by Industrial Designer Tom Bush, the firm specializes in designing and building playgrounds and outside activity space for schools working with students with disabilities. An age-appropriate sensory playground was completed last year at Ädelbrook's Learning Center in Manchester for children ages 3-11.

Working mainly with students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, the agency researched the many benefits of frequent outdoor experiences as a part of children's everyday lives. Some studies have shown that increased outdoor experience can make children happier, and for those with attention deficits, there is an implication that time spent in nature can help them to focus.

The playground and classrooms offer opportunities for movement, interaction, and self-discovery for all learners with differing motor skill capabilities. There are different stations including high and low bars, a slide, swings, cargo nets, balance beam, tunnel and several different seating options for a quiet break.

Retirement community assists camp

Covenant Village of Cromwell residents and staff traveled to Swanzey, N.H., on behalf of the faith-based senior living community to present a $1,500 check to Pilgrim Pines, a Christian camping and conference center that is a ministry of the East Coast Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC). The donation will help purchase lighting for the camp's patio area.

Last year, the community's donation helped cover the cost of a new wagon for campers. In the photo are, from left, Covenant Village of Cromwell residents Florence Alison and Marie Whitlatch; sales assistant Amanda Slack; Pilgrim Pines Camp Director Jim Condap and residents Clifford Chase and Jack Reisch. **CL**

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60 over 60

Ann Grasso is called an inspiring artist

Reaching the age of 60 does not mean one has to slow down and stop living an active and productive life. Duncaster, a retirement and life care community in Bloomfield, set out earlier this year to honor 60 people over the age of 60 who continue to stand out as those who live inspirational lives.

So it launched the state's first 60 Over 60 Awards. The people selected for this honor impacted others, started businesses, gave birth to movements, furthered ideas or otherwise made a difference in someone's life.

They include authors, artists, volunteers, caregivers, health care professionals, executives and more. They were nominated by colleagues, friends, family members and other admirers.

Ann Grasso lives at Covenant Village of Cromwell and is a woman committed to the arts. She is a working architect, but her artistic talents do not stop there, as she is a pattern artist as well.

Grasso started running her own architectural firm. Her website describes the firm as one that makes people say, "wow." However, when she introduces herself as an artist, she sometimes senses a mixture of discomfort, followed by an audible, "Ohhhh."

In both introductions, she is the same person, but the way she is portrayed becomes different. It is through instances like her encounters with the arts that she has become a skilled interpreter of body language, single syllable and single-word sentences.

Grasso is a nationally recognized lecturer/teacher of design concepts and judges design competitions nationwide. She is a contributing columnist for American HomeStyle.

She always strives for excellence in her work. As an artist in many different areas of life, she strives to encourage people to push their creativity to the limits. She especially encourages those who believe they are not creative to try it out and practice with those who believe that they are. **CL**

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Gardening

How to avoid aches and pains

People who have not spent much time in a garden may not consider this rewarding hobby much of a threat to their health. But as veteran gardeners can attest, gardening can contribute to nagging aches and pains that can force even the most ardent green-thumbers indoors.

Gardening is a physical activity that, despite its peaceful nature, can be demanding on the body. Thankfully, there are several ways that gardening enthusiasts can prevent the aches and pains that can sometimes pop up after long days in the garden.

• Use ergonomic gardening tools. Ergonomic gardening tools are designed to prevent the types of aches, pains and injuries that can cut gardeners' seasons short. Gardening injuries can affect any area of the body, but injuries or aches and pains affecting the back, wrists and hands are among the most common physical problems gardeners endure. Look for ergonomic tools that reduce the strain on these areas of the body. Even arthritis sufferers who love to garden may find that ergonomic tools make it possible for them to spend more time in their gardens without increasing their risk for injury.

• Alternate tasks. Repetitive-strain injuries can affect gardeners who spend long periods of time performing the same activity in their gardens. By alternating tasks during gardening sessions, gardeners can reduce their risk of suffering repetitive strain injuries. Alternate tasks not just on muscle groups worked, but also level of difficulty. Remember to include some simple jobs even on busy gardening days so the body gets a break.

• Take frequent breaks. Frequent breaks can help combat the stiffness and muscle aches that may not appear until gardeners finish their gardening sessions. Breaks help to alleviate muscles or joints that can become overtaxed when gardening for long, uninterrupted periods of time. When leaning down or working on your hands and knees, stand up to take breaks every 20 minutes or the moment aches and pains start to make their presence felt.

• Maintain good posture. Back injuries have a tendency to linger, which can keep gardeners indoors and out of their gardens. When gardening, maintain good posture to prevent back injuries. Gardening back braces can protect the back by providing support and making it easier for gardeners to maintain their posture. Tool pouches attached to gardening stools or chairs also can be less taxing on the back than gardening belts tied around the waist.

Gardening might not be a contact sport, but it can cause pain if gardeners do not take steps to prevent the onset of muscle aches and strains when spending time in their gardens. **CL**

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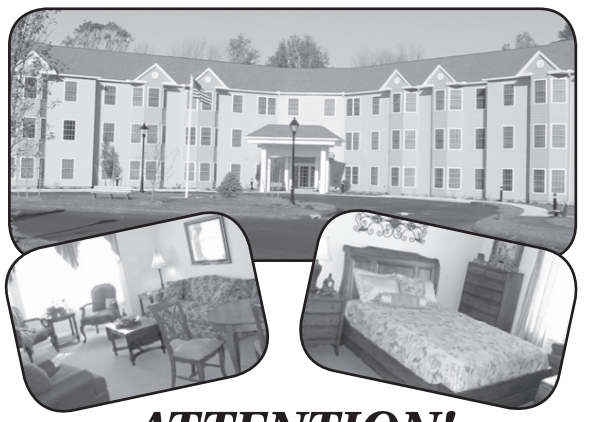

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Stranded at the Spa makes salon experience an oasis

by Allie Rivera
Staff Writer

Walking into Stranded at the Spa is like walking into a tropical oasis, complete with images of clear blue water and fine sand underfoot.

"We wanted to do something different," owner and aesthetician Margaret Szarek said of the spacious sand pit in the main lobby. "New England is a very nice place, but during the winter people don't get to see the beach, so we have the beach here."

Stranded at the Spa had its soft opening at the end of April and held a grand opening during the last week of June.

"It was excellent. We had almost 80 people show up," Szarek said.

Although this is the first business she has owned, the salon has been an ultimate goal for the Middletown resident for years.

Born in Poland, Szarek went to school and became a registered nurse in her home country, where she worked in the intensive care unit. She and her husband decided to move to the United States as they started their family.

"I came with one suitcase and $100 to my name and I didn't know the language," Szarek recalled.

Once in the U.S., she would have had to repeat much of her schooling in order to continue as a registered nurse in her new

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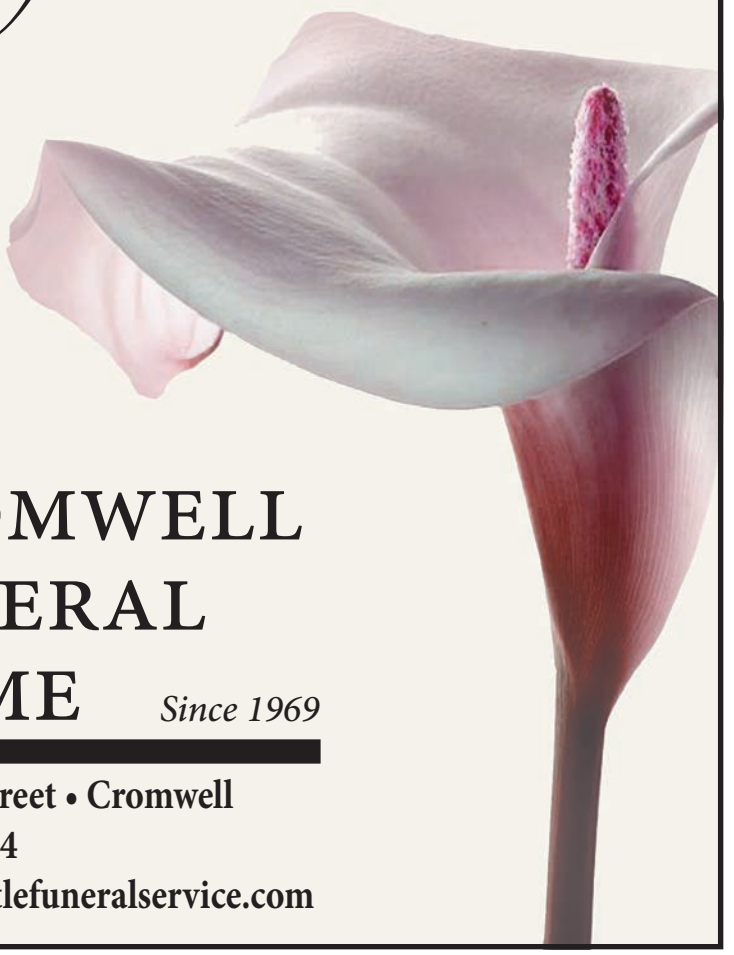

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Margaret Szarek is the owner and aesthetician at the new Stranded at the Spa. The salon offers facials, hair styling, massage and waxing in a beach-like environment.

country, but at the time her focus shifted to her four children.

"When I came here and had my family it was important for me to raise my kids," she said. "That was my priority."

As her children grew older, she started working as a nurse's aide but soon realized that that was no longer what she wanted to do with her life. Roughly seven years ago she decided to go back to school to become an aesthetician.

"I loved it from the first day," she said. "Even now I always love to check what's going on in the aesthetician world."

Once she finished her schooling and became licensed, Szarek began working at various salons and spas in the area. But she knew that owning her own place was the ultimate goal.

"I worked for a few places but I was already thinking about my place," she said. "Every work gave me something. I was able to find out what was good for me and I was able to learn from so many people."

Nearly two years ago, Szarek found the location where Stranded at the Spa would eventually open.

"This place was empty – no walls, no floors, nothing," she said.

Her husband works in construction, so the couple decided to remodel the space on their own, taking the last two years to slowly create her ideal salon. Szarek does all of the facials and aesthetician work at Stranded at the Spa but that is not all that the business offers.

"I was thinking how when I come to the salon, I want to stay and do everything," she said. "I don't want to go from salon to salon."

In addition to her work as an aesthetician, she has hired two full-time employees who offer hair services, waxing and massage. Szarek is hoping to hire another hair stylist as well as a lash extension technician, but for the business owner, finding the right person is more important than finding someone fast.

"I have very high standards," she said. "If I'm going to hire a team, I want to have every person do work on me first, because that's how I'll know if they're good enough."

She is grateful for the clients who have followed her from her former employers to her new business. She feels they have stayed loyal because she gives personalized care and never tries to upsell her services.

"I won't lie to them or try to tell them that they need this or that," Szarek said. "I really just want to help them."

She hopes that people in Cromwell and the surrounding towns will come by to check out the small oasis she has created.

"I always tell people, just come by and try our services," she said. "I know that they will leave here happy." **CL**

Stranded at the Spa is located at 1 Kirby Road, Unit B. It can be reached at 860-788-2435 or online at strandedatthespa.com.

Slice of LIFE

photos by Allie Rivera

Despite having the original date rained out, the Cromwell Parks and Recreation Department hosted its second installment of the Summer Concert Series July 18 at Riverport Park. Shaded Soul played a variety of cover songs from the past 50 years.

Music by the river

1. Penelope Kraus, 2, Benjamin Kraus, 5, Leah Jacobs, 6, and Connor Jacobs, 3, from left, take a break from dancing and cartwheeling for snacks. **2.** Nine-year-old Robert Dzurka and his mother, Amy, sat back and enjoyed the music. **3.** Ten-year-old twins Amy Campbell, left, and Ali Campbell, right, found a spot in the shade with Shauntel Keyes, 21. **4.** Visitors at the Summer Concert Series on July 18 were treated to the musical stylings of Shaded Soul. **5.** It was a family affair for Diane Przekopski, left, with her son Erik Przekopski, right, and her father Frank Berger, center.

LIFE in the classroom

Summer reading encourages students to devour the written word

by Allie Rivera
Staff Writer

School may not be in session right now but that doesn't mean students in the Cromwell Public Schools have stopped learning.

The district works in conjunction with the annual Governor's Summer Reading Challenge, which encourages students across the state to continue reading throughout the summer. This year's theme is Building a Better World.

"We do recognize the Governor's Reading Challenge, which is statewide, but we also put our own spin on it," Woodside Intermediate School Reading Specialist Sarah Galatie said.

To stir up interest in the program, Galatie helped to create a list of suggested reading for students with a variety of interests.

"What the librarian at Woodside and I did this year was we actually purchased some of the titles off of our suggestions and we walked around and did a book talk," Galatie said. "We then offered a raffle where a couple of students from each classroom won one of the book titles."

In addition to showcasing book titles in the elementary schools, Galatie also reached out to Lois Meltzer, the children's librarian at the Cromwell Belden Public Library, to coordinate reading lists.

"She asks for those suggestions because she wants to make sure she can stock her shelves with whatever we are recommending to our students," Galatie said. "I make sure she is in the loop of whatever we are sending home so she can make sure when the kids come in she can be ready for them."

While Galatie feels it is important to recognize students who are particularly active in the Summer Reading Challenge, she said the district does not give prizes for reading.

"My theory is not to reward students for reading," she said. "I would rather instill that love of reading and build that motivation in them intrinsically to pick up a book and read instead of saying, oh if you read, you're going to get an ice cream party or you're going to get this or that."

For many students, loving reading can often come from finding the right book, which Galatie said sometimes means searching through titles that aren't the right fit.

"I say to kids a lot that it's OK to start a book and, if you don't like it, it's OK to abandon a book to find one that's really going to excite you," she said. "It's all about finding that just right book."

For Galatie, reading during the summer is not only necessary to promote a love of literature, but also to prevent students from regressing in their education.

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tinue reading over the summer," she said. "It's like anything else in life. If you're playing a sport and you don't pick up the ball for two months and practice, your skills are going to decrease.

"We call that the 'summer slide,'" she added. "If students and children don't continue to read over the summer, all the progress they've made over the school year will decrease."

As a reading consultant, Galatie works one on one with students who are especially at a risk for regressing in their reading. Typically, these students are offered a summer school program for reading support. However, due to budget constraints this year, the program was not made available.

Hoping to have her students continue with their reading despite the program cut, Galatie, along with Reading and Math Interventionist Jennifer Tine, created a summer reading book club for her students through Google.

"The PTO generously bought enough books to give to our reading students, so they each went home with two books," Galatie said. "Jen and I created questions that went along with these books and we posted them on Google Classroom."

Through this web-based platform, Galatie and Tine have been able to communicate with students and parents. The two teachers felt providing reading support to their students was necessary, so they are running the program despite not being paid for their time.

"This was just something that I was hoping would ensure that they read," Galatie said. "It's that important."

Galatie added that she hopes students across the district will spend time this summer reading and finding books that bring them joy and she encourages parents to push their children to read.

"It doesn't have to cost anything. You can go to your library or even get free books online," she said. "Please encourage your children or your students to read. I don't care what it is – a magazine, nonfiction, fiction, just make sure that they're reading." **CL**

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Looking ahead at *fall fashion* trends

Hot looks for when the weather cools down

by Allie Rivera
Staff Writer

As summer starts to wind down, back-to-school shopping begins to ramp up.

According to a survey from the National Retail Federation, back-to-school spending in 2017 is expected to reach $83.6 billion, a ten percent increase from last year's $75.8 billion.

"It's the second biggest selling season for retails next to the holidays," Westfarms spokesperson Amanda Sirica said. "We will see a huge spike in back-to-school shopping during Connecticut's tax free week, which begins Sunday, August 20 through Saturday, August 26."

Along with sales of school supplies, electronics and shoes, back-to-school shopping often has a great emphasis on clothes.

"There's something very exciting and exhilarating about fall and a chance for kids to start fresh, and with that comes a fresh new wardrobe," Sirica said.

For those who may be daunted by all the styles in stores, here are some of the trends that will be making a splash this fall.

"Denim is always a staple of back to school shopping and this year is no exception," Sirica said. "It's actually bigger than ever."

For women and girls, many styles will now include embroidered denim as well as one of the bigger trends of the season – patches and appliques.

"For girls right now there is a lot of patches, and they're putting them everywhere," Susan Macko, owner of LemonLlama Kids' Boutique in Avon said. "They're on jeans as well as outerwear or tunics and tops."

The style of these patches can range from rainbows and butterflies to a variety of emojis, which both Macko and Sirica said are very popular this year.

Along with appliqued and embroidered denim, shoppers can also expect to see more high-waisted jeans in stores.

"You're also going to see colored denim making a comeback and high-waisted jeans," Sirica said.

Part of what is contributing to this style is a resurgence in trends from the 1970s.

"We're seeing a subtle '70s trend coming back," Sirica said. "Last year was the '80s and now we're seeing this subtle '70s revival. Some of the things we're seeing contribute to that are two-tone denim and body suits."

Along with that '70s style is the continuation of all things boho.

"Bohemian is still trending," Macko said. "That was strong last year and that's still around."

Macko and Sirica said shoppers can expect to see flowing dresses and tops for girls and women.

"Those styles look incredible paired with cargo or denim jackets," Sirica said.

Also continuing into the fall is a style known as 'athleisure,' which Sirica said is still "going strong."

"That's when you mix and match athletic wear with everyday wear," she explained. "You may have a performance Under Armour top with a denim skirt, or just wearing a full athletic outfit as everyday wear."

For many shoppers, the fabric used is an important part of any outfit.

"In general for the kids, it's all about the fabric and feel and the softness of it. That's why fleece is always so popular," Macko said.

As the days begin to grow colder, Macko said that this season will see a growing trend of fur, either faux or real, as well.

"We're seeing a lot of fur-trimmed hoods and vests," she said. "There are fur pom-poms everywhere. Some of the fur is natural, some of it's dyed, but hats for infants

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through adults seem to have either real or faux fur pom-poms."

Another fabric choice Macko said is popular this season is metallic.

"In general, metallics are popular, especially gold metallics," she said. "You'll probably see it in dresses and sweaters this season."

In addition to shoppers being concerned with a fabric's feel and look, many are also concerned with how it was made.

"Some of our retailers have started making eco-friendly lines," Sirica said. "They're coming out with clothes that are made from recycled materials, like bottles, and turned into textiles."

Companies such as H&M have started producing these environmentally conscious clothing as well as JCPenney's Arizona Jeans line, which now has nearly 28 percent of their textiles made from recycled materials.

For those who may be overwhelmed by the task of back-to-school shopping, both Macko and Sirica said that it can be a positive experience, both for shoppers and their wallets.

"It seems like a daunting task, but it does not have to be," Sirica said. "Westfarms has parents covered with back to school sales, and you can see online or on our new app what's on sale before you head out to the mall."

Whether heading out to a large department store or staying small at a boutique, back-to-school shopping can be pleasant for everyone.

"We always have things that are different that you don't find everywhere," Macko said. "There are price points for everyone and we always have sale items. It's a nice mix so that everybody can find something." **CL**

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People notes

Julia Liseo, second from right, was selected by the Connecticut Funeral Directors Association to receive a $500 college scholarship. Liseo, a 2017 graduate of Cromwell High School, plans to pursue a career in occupational therapy at Quinnipiac University.

The following Cromwell residents were honored at Mercy High School: **Olivia Melillo**, Connecticut Association of Schools Award; **Suzanne O'Hara**, Robotics Team, President's Education Award, Connecticut Association of Schools Award, Poetry Out Loud Contest finalist; **Julia Pitruzzello**, President's Education Award, Connecticut Association of Schools Award, St. John Church of Cromwell Scholarship and Central Connecticut Community Women's Club Scholarship; **Taylor Winkler,** Business/Technology Department.

Melanie Davenport earned a 4.0 grade point average for the spring semester at Southern Connecticut State University in therapeutic recreation. She is scheduled to graduate with a master's degree in December.

Douglas Davenport graduated from Springfield College with a bachelor's degree in sports management. He plans to pursue a master's degree in athletic administration.

The following residents were named to the honor roll for the fourth quarter marking period at Mercy High School. First honors: **Ilyszha Agasino, Kellyanne Cahill, Lindsey Fritz, Caitlin Malczon, Jacquelyn Murphy, Janina Timbro** and **Allison Vess**. High honors: **Juliana Claudio, Olivia Dworak, Abigail Malczon, Olivia Melillo, Suzanne O'Hara, Julia Pitruzzello, Catryn Rhoden, Celia Ryan, Jocelyn Stearns, Ava Stearns, Cecilia Vess** and **Taylor Winkler**.

Julia Liseo

Second honors: **Yiheng Zhang.**

Katerina Mekarnom and **Holly Vaillancourt** were named to the dean's list at Tunxis Community College.

Avalon Dieli was accepted into the Alpha Iota Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Tunxis Community College.

David Eckert earned an associate in science degree in general studies from Tunxis Community College.

Melissa Paulus earned an associate in science degree in general studies from Tunxis Community College. CL

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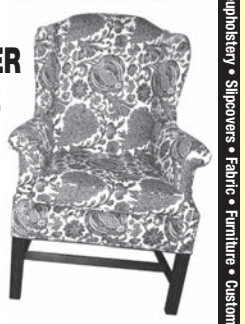

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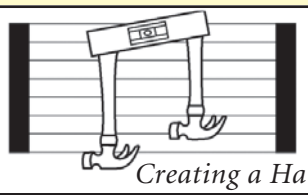

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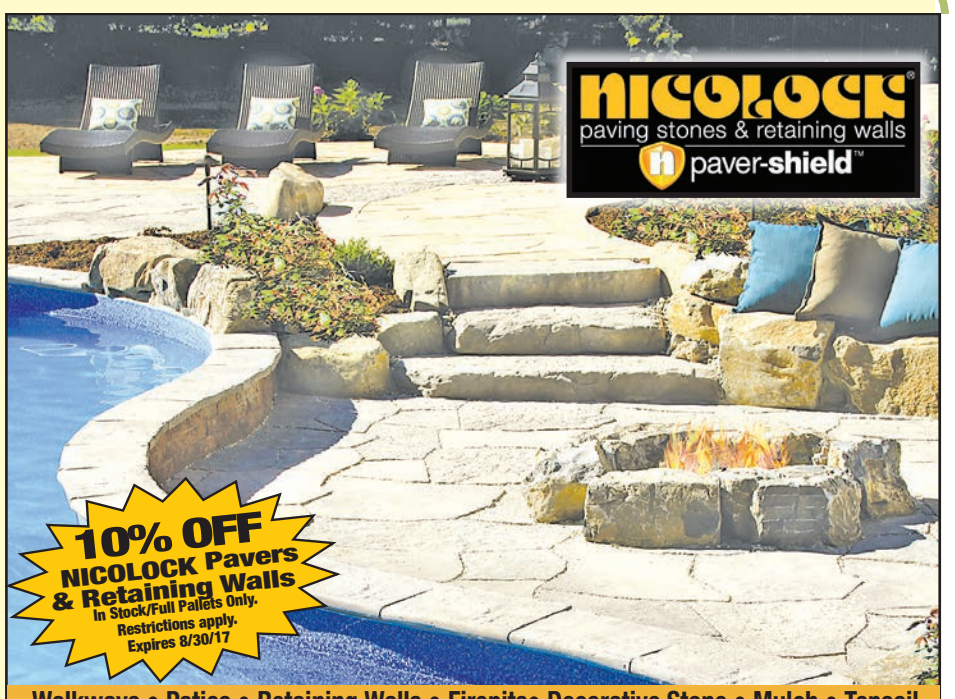

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Editorial

It's as different as night and day

A recently retired Hartford police sergeant decided he still enjoyed working in law enforcement. So he joined the Wethersfield Police Department.

Sure, it meant having no seniority and going back to working the overnight shift. But it was an opportunity to do what he enjoys, which is to help people by assisting them at their most difficult moments and otherwise keeping them safe.

The transition from Hartford to the town right next door was not expected to be all that difficult. Police work is police work wherever you go, it's the severity and the volume of calls that are different.

But as he drove along the Berlin Turnpike one night while on patrol the light atop Travelers tower caught his eye. He was so close to his former professional "home" that he could see part of its skyline.

Yet he said he felt like he was a million miles away. It's as if the world completely changes when one crosses the invisible dotted line that separates the city from its immediate suburban neighbors.

The difference between Hartford and its suburbs is dramatic. Connecticut's capital city has a much higher level of poverty and lower per capita income than its surrounding municipalities. The quality of life is not the same. City government is scrambling to avoid bankruptcy.

The officer noted that one of things he finds in the suburbs that makes him scratch his head is the fact that some people leave their cars in the driveway overnight unlocked and with valuables on the seat. Nobody in Hartford would ever take such a risk, he said.

People in towns such as Cromwell, Newington, Rocky Hill and Wethersfield generally feel safe. The majority of them support their local police.

In Hartford, he often found mistrust, if not overt opposition. There are many reasons for that. He found lots of good people, too, but they lived with a sense of unease because of the criminal elements that poverty breeds.

Hartford police run fast and hard all day long. Calls for service are received almost nonstop. It's not unusual for calls that do not involve immediate threat or harm to be backlogged until things quiet down a little bit, perhaps a day or two later.

Not so in the suburbs. Almost every call, including those involving what are deemed quality of life issues, garners a prompt response.

It's a much bigger issue than can be resolved here but, if Connecticut is to survive and thrive, how can it continue to allow Hartford and its other major cities to struggle with all of the challenges spawned by poverty while residents of suburbs right next door can trust that they will always enjoy safe neighborhoods and fiscally sound government? **CL**

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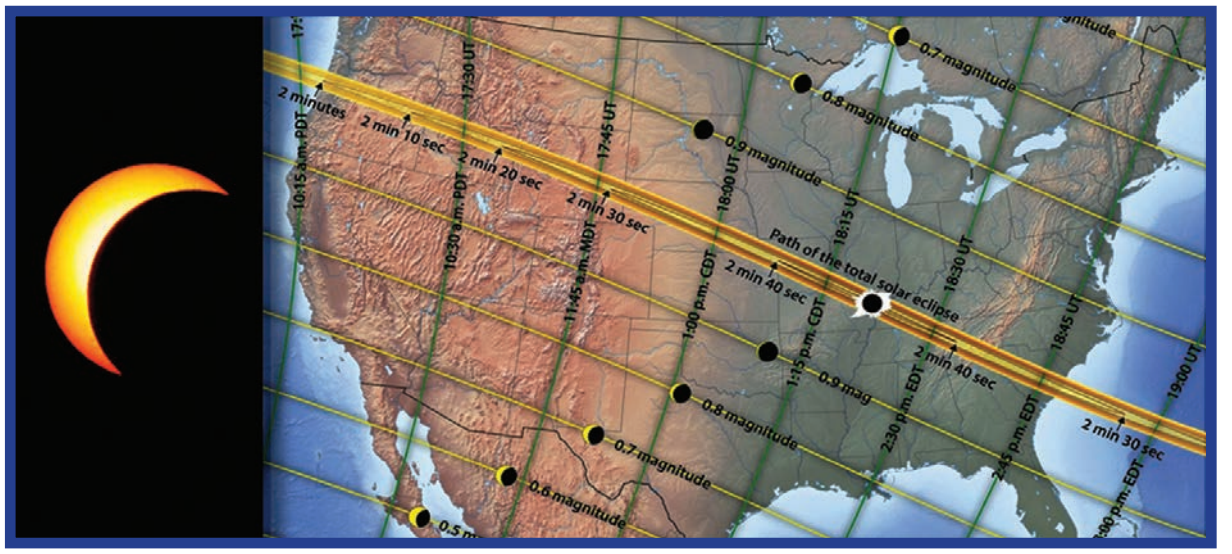

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Here in Connecticut, we will not see a "total" eclipse, but a "partial" one. This means the moon will only partially block the sun. On the 21st, for viewing from the Nutmeg State, the partial eclipse will begin around 1:25 p.m., reach its maximum point at 2:45 p.m. then end around 4 p.m. (lasting 2.5 hours, from start to finish).

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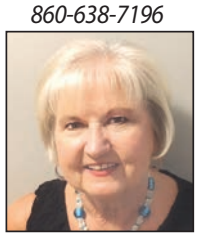

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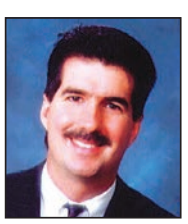

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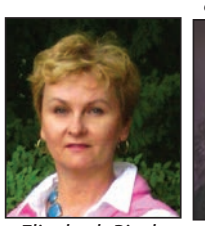

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